

April 16, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The seventh grade Blue House teachers are excited to inform you of our plans for Monday, May 3rd. We are planning a field trip to Ledge View Nature Center in Chilton, Wisconsin, to go cave crawling. This field trip ties in with our earth science unit.

The field trip will be all day. Students and chaperones will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. The bus ride to Chilton is about an hour and a half, and this will provide us time to explore two caves, eat lunch, and view other aspects of the nature center. **Parents of Franklin resident students need to provide transportation home at 4:00 p.m.** If you are unable to pick up your child at this time, please arrange some kind of carpool.

Due to the nature of caves, students are asked to bring a change of clothes. Caves maintain a constant cool, damp, muddy environment. Students should wear old clothes, including long pants and shirts with long sleeves. We will get wet and muddy! After we are done crawling through the caves, students can change into more comfortable clothes. Please bring a plastic bag to carry the dirty clothes back in. Students will also need to bring a flashlight or headlamp (suggested) for cave crawling and a bag lunch. Please do not bring drinks in glass bottles.

It is our philosophy that we provide quality instead of quantity regarding field trips. We believe this field trip provides hands-on, experiential learning that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. The students also have a lot of fun! We thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
The Blue House Teachers ☺